

OPERATION LIFESAVER MONTH

WHEREAS: Operation Lifesaver is a nationwide public education program to help reduce collisions between motor vehicles and trains; fatalities and injuries at highway/rail grade crossings; and trespassing incidents on railroad tracks and rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia has made great strides in the reduction of these incidents by over 50 percent since the formation of Georgia Operation Lifesaver in 1974; and

WHEREAS: Many state and local governments, businesses and civic groups have joined Georgia Operation Lifesaver to help educate our citizens about railroad safety; and

WHEREAS: Special events, including "Operation Lifesaver Night at the Braves" and trespass awareness activities, will be conducted in May throughout Georgia, emphasizing the importance of staying alert at highway/rail intersections and avoiding trespassing; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia do hereby proclaim May as OPERATION LIFESAVER MONTH in Georgia, and urge all our citizens to drive safely and cautiously when approaching a highway/rail crossing, to obey our laws by always yielding to oncoming trains and to avoid trespassing on railroad tracks and rights-of-way.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

